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11. SUMMARY. THE RESCHEDULED UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
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ORGANIZATION (FAO) WORLD FOOD SUMMIT FIVE YEARS LATER  
(WFS5YL) WILL MEET JUNE 10-13 IN ROME. THE FAO COMMITTEE  
ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (MEETING IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE  
WFS5YL) WILL NEGOTIATE THE WFS5YL DECLARATION. THE  
DECLARATION IS CURRENTLY A PATCHWORK OF REGIONAL AND G-  
77 WISH-LISTS AND WILL REQUIRE MUCH WORK IF IT IS TO  
ACTUALLY ADVANCE THE ORIGINAL WORLD FOOD SUMMIT PLAN OF  
ACTION. THE U.S. IS LIKELY TO BE ISOLATED IN OPPOSING  
DECLARATION LANGUAGE SUPPORTING AN FAO "CODE OF CONDUCT  
ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD" WHICH MANY COUNTRIES SEE AS A  
MORAL IMPERATIVE AND A SUMMIT "DELIVERABLE." FAO  
REGIONAL CONFERENCES ARE ALSO MEETING PRIOR TO THE WFS5YL  
AND THE FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL SEEKS FROM THEM SUPPORT FOR  
HIS PROPOSAL FOR A "GLOBAL COALITION AGAINST HUNGER;" BUT  
THE CONFERENCES ARE MORE LIKELY TO FOCUS ON REGIONAL  
ISSUES SUCH AS NEPAD, HIV/AIDS AND TSE TSE FLY  
ERADICATION (AFRICA) AND TRADE LIBERALIZATION (LATIN  
AMERICA). PLENARY STATEMENTS, ROUNDTABLES, NGO  
MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUES, PARLIAMENTARIANS MEETINGS AND  
HIGH-LEVEL PANELS DURING THE WFS5YL WILL PROVIDE AN  
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. TO HIGHLIGHT POSITIONS ON  
POVERTY ALLEVIATION, BIOTECH, FOOD AID AND AGRICULTURAL  
TRADE ISSUES. USG SUPPORT FOR RECENT FAO REQUESTS FOR  
ASSISTANCE IN BIOTECH WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD ENTRY POINT  
FOR ILLUSTRATING HOW THE U.S. SUPPORTS INITIATIVES TO  
IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN REGIONS SUCH AS  
AFRICA THROUGH BIOTECHNOLOGY. END SUMMARY.

WFS5YL LEAD UP  
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12. THE LEAD UP TO THE JUNE 10-13 WORLD FOOD SUMMIT FIVE  
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AND A HALF YEARS LATER (WFS5YL) COMPRISES THE FOLLOWING:

-- REGULARLY SCHEDULED FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCES: AFRICAN  
CONFERENCE IN CAIRO: FEB 4-8; NEAR EAST CONFERENCE IN  
TEHRAN: MARCH 9-13; LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN  
CONFERENCE IN HAVANA: APRIL 22-26; ASIA AND PACIFIC  
CONFERENCE IN KATHMANDU: MAY 13-17; EUROPEAN CONFERENCE  
IN NICOSIA: MAY 27-30. THE NORTH AMERICAN REGION (U.S.  
AND CANADA) DOES NOT HAVE A REGIONAL CONFERENCE; THE U.S.  
PARTICIPATES AS A MEMBER OF THE ASIA AND PACIFIC  
CONFERENCE AND AS AN OBSERVER AT THE OTHER CONFERENCES.  
FODAG AND/OR USDA WILL ATTEND THE AFRICA CONFERENCE, THE  
ASIA CONFERENCE, THE LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE AND THE  
EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.

-- JUNE 6-8 SESSION OF THE FAO'S COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD  
SECURITY (CFS), THE BODY CHARGED WITH WFS FOLLOW-UP.  
THE CFS DATES WERE CHANGED TO ALLOW IT TO SERVE AS THE  
"PREPCOM" FOR THE WFS5YL.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES  
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13. THE REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES (NORMALLY  
SUBMITTED TO THE FAO COUNCIL) WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR  
INFORMATION TO THE WFS5YL. IF THE RECENTLY-CONCLUDED  
AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE (REFTEL A) IS ANY GUIDE,  
DELEGATES AT THOSE CONFERENCES WILL HIGHLIGHT AREAS OF  
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE FOOD SECURITY OF THE REGION.  
(AFRICAN CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS HIGHLIGHTED NEPAD, TSE  
TSE FLY ERADICATION AND HIV/AIDS.) FAO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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GENERAL FOR WORLD FOOD SUMMIT FOLLOW UP, KAY  
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KILLINGSWORTH, TOLD MISOFFS 1/15 THAT THE DIRECTOR

GENERAL (DG) ALSO HOPED THAT THE CONFERENCES WOULD "CONCEPTUALIZE" HIS PROPOSED "GLOBAL COALITION AGAINST HUNGER" (REFTEL B). SHE ADMITTED THAT, ABSENT AN AGENDA ITEM OR DOCUMENTATION ON THE ISSUE AT THE REGIONAL CONFERENCES, SUCH "CONCEPTUALIZATION" MIGHT BE THIN. (COMMENT: THE DG URGED SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE AFRICAN CONFERENCE, BUT PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES DID NOT MENTION IT. END COMMENT).

COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY (CFS) JUNE 6-8  
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14. THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM FOR THE CFS WILL BE NEGOTIATION AND CONCLUSION OF THE WFS5YL DECLARATION, MOST LIKELY IN AN OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP (OWEG). THE DOCUMENT, AS IT EMERGED FROM THE 199TH COUNCIL SESSION OWEG, IS REplete WITH BRACKETS AND INCLUDES TEXT WHICH, AS A RESULT OF TIME CONSTRAINTS, NEVER EVEN HAD A FIRST READING BY THE OWEG. THE DECLARATION AS A WHOLE IS UNBALANCED AND AT THIS STAGE OFFERS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF

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SUBSTANCE TO ADVANCE THE ORIGINAL ROME DECLARATION AND  
PLAN OF ACTION.

15. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE USG ARE:  
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- UNDISCUSSED TEXT PROPOSING A CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD;
- TEXT IN BRACKETS WHICH GOES FURTHER ON "THE RIGHT TO FOOD" THAN THE U.S. WAS ABLE TO ACCEPT AT THE WORLD FOOD SUMMIT;
- LANGUAGE ON FOOD SAFETY WHICH COULD UNDERMINE THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CODEX ALIMENTARIUS IN ESTABLISHING FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS;
- TEXT IN BRACKETS ON THE UPCOMING TRADE ROUND ENDORSING SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR AGRICULTURE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
- LACK OF ADEQUATE LANGUAGE ON CREATING ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH;
- LANGUAGE ON HUNGER WHICH UNDERMINES THE MILLENIUM SUMMIT POVERTY REDUCTION LANGUAGE.

RIGHT TO FOOD  
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16. AS DISCUSSED IN REFTTEL D, THE PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE RIGHT TO FOOD REDIRECTS THE FOCUS OF FOOD SECURITY AWAY FROM NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ADVANCES THE ARGUMENT THAT INTERNATIONAL ACTORS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE SPECIFIC LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO FOOD. THE U.S. WILL BE CHALLENGED TO SHAPE THE RIGHT TO FOOD DEBATE IN A POSITIVE WAY DURING THE WFS5YL IN THE FACE OF WIDESPREAD NGO SUPPORT AND A COALITION OF COUNTRIES (PRIMARILY LATIN, BUT ALSO NORWAY AND ITALY) WHO SEE RIGHT TO FOOD AS A MORAL IMPERATIVE AND A SUMMIT "DELIVERABLE."

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OTHER CFS ITEMS  
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17. THE CFS WILL ALSO REVIEW RESPONSES FROM COUNTRIES ON

COMMITMENTS 3,4,6 AND RELEVANT PARTS OF 7 OF THE WORLD FOOD SUMMIT (WFS) PROGRAM OF ACTION. (THESE COMMENTS, -- INCLUDING FROM THE UNITED STATES (REFTEL C) -- WERE DUE JANUARY 31.) (COMMENT: CFS EFFECTIVENESS IN FOLLOWING UP THE WFS COMMITMENTS HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY THE POOR RESPONSE FROM COUNTRIES, AND FAO SENIOR MANAGEMENT DOES NOT HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR AN IMPROVED RESPONSE RATE AT THE UPCOMING SESSION. END COMMENT).

#### LEVEL OF ATTENDANCE

18. IT IS TOO EARLY TO GIVE AN ESTIMATE OF EXPECTED ATTENDANCE BY HEADS OF STATE. WE HAVE HEARD HEADS OF STATE OF URUGUAY AND COLOMBIA MAY ATTEND. ARGENTINA, CHILE, BRAZIL AND PERU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO SEND HEADS OF STATE. AFRICA IS EXPECTED TO BE WELL REPRESENTED. OECD REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME DO NOT HAVE A GOOD IDEA ABOUT OECD REPRESENTATION, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT SPANISH PRESIDENT AZNAR MAY ATTEND (SPAIN WILL BE HEADING THE EU). BRIEF APPEARANCES BY THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER ARE EXPECTED.

#### WFS5YL SIDE EVENTS

19. THREE WFS5YL ROUNDTABLES ARE SCHEDULED. EACH COUNTRY IS INVITED TO ATTEND ONE ROUNDTABLE (ALL ROUNDTABLES WILL DISCUSS THE SAME CFS-ENDORSED TOPIC: "WFS PLAN OF ACTION -- RESULTS ACHIEVED, OBSTACLES MET, AND MEANS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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OVERCOMING THEM"). AN NGO MULTISTAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK. A HIGH-LEVEL PANEL WITH INVITED GUESTS ON "POLITICAL WILL" (POSTPONED SINCE FALL 2001) IS EXPECTED TO BE SCHEDULED DURING THE SESSION. THE ITALIAN HOSTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO ORGANIZE A PARLIAMENTARIANS SESSION.

#### NGO ARRANGEMENTS

10. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SECURITY AND ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES WILL NEED TO BE MUCH TIGHTER THAN DURING THE FIRST WFS, FAO ORGANIZERS APPEAR RELATIVELY RELAXED ABOUT THE UPCOMING EVENT (PARTLY AS A RESULT OF HAVING ESSENTIALLY GONE THROUGH A DRY RUN IN 2001). THEY ARE NEGOTIATING PLACEMENT OF AN NGO FORUM IN A SITE A 15 MINUTE WALK FROM FAO (THE FORMER ROME CITY ABATTOIR) AND HAVE REITERATED THAT THE NGO'S COMING TO THE WFS5YL ARE "NOT ANTI-FAO" (IN CONTRAST TO THE 2001 GENOA G-8 SUMMIT WHICH MANY NGO DEMONSTRATORS HOPED TO CLOSE DOWN). (COMMENT: WE EXPECT ANTI-GMO PROTESTORS TO BE OUT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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FORCE. END COMMENT)

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11. U.S. PLENARY INTERVENTIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN SIDE EVENTS AND OTHER EVENTS (SUCH AS PRESS CONFERENCES) PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ARTICULATE U.S. POSITIONS ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION, THE IMPORTANCE OF BIOTECH FOR IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY IN DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES, THE UPCOMING AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND USE OF FOOD AID. WE EXPECT THAT MEDIA INTEREST WILL BE HIGH, AND USDELS (INCLUDING NGO AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES) SHOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH ITALIAN AUDIENCES (AND MEDIA) ON BIOTECH AND OTHER TOPICS OF BILATERAL AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL INTEREST. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD HOPE THAT RECENT FAO REQUESTS FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR A BIOTECH NETWORK IN AFRICA, AND FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A BIOTECH IPR STRATEGY (REFTEL E) MIGHT BE GIVEN A FAVORABLE RECEPTION BY INTERESTED USG AGENCIES. THESE LOW COSTS PROJECTS MIGHT SERVE AS A GOOD MEETING POINT BETWEEN OUR RHETORIC AND THE MEETING AT HAND. HEILEMAN

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